

Version of Amendments with Markings to Show Changes Made

[29] 30. (Amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the altered expression is a lower level of expression.

[30] 31. (Amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the altered expression is a higher level of expression.

[31] 32. (Amended) A method of selecting a composition for inhibiting oral cancer in a subject, the method comprising:

obtaining a sample comprising cells from the subject;
separately maintaining aliquots of the sample in the presence of a plurality of test compositions;
comparing expression of at least one marker selected from a group of markers associated with oral cancer in each of the aliquots, and
selecting one of the test compositions which induces an altered level of expression of the marker in the aliquot containing that test composition, relative to other test compositions.

[31] 33. (Amended) The method of claim [30] 31 wherein the altered level of expression is a lowered level of expression.

[32] 34. (Amended) The method of claim [30] 31 wherein the altered level of expression is a higher level of expression.

[33] 35. (Amended) A kit for assessing whether a subject is afflicted with oral cancer, wherein the kit comprises reagents for assessing expression of at least one marker selected from the group markers associated with oral cancer.

[34] 36. (Amended) A kit for assessing the presence of oral cancer cells, the kit comprising a nucleic acid probe wherein the probe specifically binds with at least one nucleic acid corresponding to at least one marker selected from the group of markers associated with oral cancer.